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C O N F I D E N T I A L NIAMEY 1430

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN DELEGATION TO NIGER

1. CANADIAN DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS D'IBERVILLE FORTIER VISITED NIGER MAY 6-7. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR MATHIEU (RESIDENT ABIDJAN) AND WILFRED LACARI OF EXT AFF. MAIN PURPOSE FOR VISIT WAS EVALUATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT AND REVIEW OF CANADIAN AID PROGRAMS, WITH LONG TERM DROUGHT RELATED. DELEGATION MET WITH COL. KOUNTCHE, PRESIDENT OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, AND SEVERAL OTHER NEW MINISTERS.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH UNDER SECRETARY ADDITIONAL POINTS EMERGED: CANADIAN GOVERNMENT STUNNED BY OVERTHROW DIORI AND DEATH OF WIFE, BUT AFTER ASSURANCES WELL-BEING OF EX-PRESIDENT, RELEASE FROM DETENTION OF FRANCOPHONIE SECRETARY GENERAL DAN DICKO, RETROSPECTIVE EVALUATION OF INTERNAL NIGER SITUATION PRE-COUP, AND EXTENSIVE MEETINGS WITH NEW LEADERS, THERE IS NOW GREATER SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING TOWARD SMC.

3. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH COL. KOUNTCHE'S DETERMINATION IMPROVE LOT OF AVERAGE NIGERIEN. HE DETECTED SPARK QUOTE MORAL  
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FANATICISM UNQUOTE IN THE COLONEL. ALSO COMMENTED

THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CAPT. MOUMOUNI DJERMAKOYE  
SEEMS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN DOMESTIC MATTERS.

4. REGARDING AID TO NIGER, GOC HAD NEARLY REACHED END  
OF PATIENCE WITH FORMER GOVERNMENT OVER LACK OF REPORTING  
ON FOOD PROGRAM AND ACCOUNTING FOR FUNDS GENERATED.  
DELEGATION WELCOMED ASSURANCES FROM COL. KOUNTCHE THAT  
NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BRING ORDER AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO  
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. CANADIANS INDICATED THEY WILL  
CONTINUE WITH NIGER AID PROGRAM BUT INTEND TO CONCENTRATE  
EFFORTS. UNDER SECRETARY WAS AWARE THAT CANADA WAS TARDY  
IN RESPONDING TO SOME OF NIGER'S EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS.  
IN THIS REGARD HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT PROPOSED  
GRAIN SWAP WITH US FELL THROUGH. HE SAID IT WAS IMAGINATIVE  
PROPOSAL AND WOULD HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL TO CANADA, US AND  
NIGER.  
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